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### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the abstract as follows:

The present invention includes a method of eliciting a T-cell immune response to an antigen in a mammal. The method of eliciting a T-cell immune response includes administering to a mammal an auxotrophic attenuated strain mutants of listeria and methods of their use as vaccines which expresses the antigen. The auxotrophic attenuated strain of listeria includes a mutation in at least one gene whose protein product is essential for growth of the bacteria.